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indictment of 18 S. Korean dissenters .., including Kim Dae Jung.

I forward the attached for your consideration. I would appreciate receiving your response with an additional carbon, and the return of the original correspondence, as soon as possible. Please direct your reply to Mr. Wilson Reynolds of my Washington D.C. staff.

Thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

JOHN V. TUNNEY
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8 Part I—Sat., August 28, 1976 Los Angeles Times

18 South Korean Dissidents Sentenced

SEOUL (AP)—Opposition leader Kim Dae Jung and former President Yun Po Sun were sentenced today to eight years in prison after being convicted of inciting rebellion against the government of President Park Chung Hee.

Altogether, 18 prominent dissidents, including five Roman Catholic priests and four Protestant clergymen, were convicted on the charges.

Religious leader Hahm Suk Hun and former Prof. Moon Il Hwan also were sentenced to eight years in prison. National Assemblyman Chyung Il Hyung drew a five-year term.

Of the remaining 13 defendants, eight were given five-year prison terms, one was sentenced to four years in prison, two drew three-year imprisonment, and two others received two-year sentences.

The defendants were accused of rebellion in issuing a manifesto at an ecumenical Mass March 1 demanding what they called restoration of democracy. They sought repeal of a May, 1975, decree banning almost all dissident acts and repeal of the 1972 constitution under which Park can stay in office indefinitely with great power.

Defense lawyers protested throughout the trial, which began May 3, that the procedures were unfair. When the prosecution demanded 10-year prison terms for the defendants at a session Aug. 3, the defense lawyers walked out in protest.

All the defendants denied the prosecution charges and said they had no intention of starting popular uprisings against the government.

Their lawyers said they would appeal to a higher court.

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Senator John V. Tunney
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Dear Senator:

How long is the United States going to support this awful person, Park Chung Hee, and his "government".

Hmmm? How long?

Sincerely,

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